

## **Milwaukee County Supervisor - District 15**

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#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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- Parks, Energy & Environment
- Transportation, Public Works & Transit

#### **USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

Supervisor Eddie Cullen, Dist. 15 .	278-4263
County Board of Supervisors	278-4222
County Executive	278-4211
Department on Aging	289-6874
Behavioral Health Division	257-6995
Child Support Enforcement	278-5160
Clerk of Circuit Court	278-5362
County Clerk	278-4067
County Treasurer	278-4033
Disabilities Services Division	289-6660
Election Commission	278-4060
Family Care	287-7600
Health and Human Services	289-6817
Mental Health Complex	257-6995
Mitchell International Airport	747-5300
Office of Persons with Disabilities	278-3932
Parks	257-PARK
Sheriff	278-4766
Transit System	344-6711
UW-Extension	290-2400
Veterans Services	278-4054
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### Dear Friends,

**FALL 2015** 

It has been an honor serving you as your County Supervisor for the past several months. Since I was sworn in on April 23, many of you have contacted my office with your concerns for our district, and many of you share my opinion that strengthening our transit system and restoring our parks are two of the most important issues we face.

As the County Board begins to consider the 2016 County Budget, we will be establishing priorities for the next year. I want to ensure that parks and transit are two of our top priorities. Please feel free to contact me with other issues you believe deserve our attention.

I am very proud of the work we have already accomplished in the short time I have been in office, and I will work to ensure that this progress continues, but I want to hear from you.

I encourage you all to provide me with your input on budget matters and other issues facing the County. One of the best ways to do this is by filling out the survey provided on the following page and mailing it to my office. In addition, you can attend my town hall meeting at the Washington Park Senior Center on Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

I appreciate the confidence that you have shown in me and I hope that I continue to earn that confidence. You are always welcome to reach out to my office if any questions or concerns regarding County matters arise.

It is a pleasure serving you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Eddie Cullen County Supervisor 15th District



The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors presented members of Independence First with a citation celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Please join Supervisor Cullen at these upcoming meetings and let your voice be heard.

Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Washington Park Senior Center
4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee

**Budget Public Hearing Monday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.**Mitchell Park Conservatory (Domes)
524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

#### S.E.E.D. PROJECT TAKES ROOT

Supervisor Cullen was proud to support a resolution creating the S.E.E.D. or Sowing, Empowering, and Eliminating Deserts of Food, program.

Through the S.E.E.D. program, Milwaukee County will partner with the Hunger Task Force, Growing Power, and UW-Extension. Hunger



Task Force will operate a Mobile Market within the county to serve residents who live in food deserts, coordinating with the existing Stockbox delivery program to our seniors. This Mobile Market will provide opportunities for residents to purchase nutritious food in neighborhoods while accepting food benefits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food deserts as "urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, affordable food options."

"Milwaukee County faces health disparities, and the elimination of 'food deserts' will be a key to helping provide food security to those who do not have access to healthy food," Cullen said.



Supervisor Eddie Cullen was sworn into office on April 23, 2015 by County Treasurer David Cullen in front of family, friends, members of the public and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

# CULLEN VOTES TO INVEST IN TRANSIT, PARKS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Cullen recently voted to invest in improvements in transit, parks and County employees in a package of legislation, saying these items have a significant impact on economic development, service and the quality of life in Milwaukee County.

The legislation, supported by Supervisor Cullen, creates Transit Signal Priority for Milwaukee County Transit System buses and allows for faster commutes. Transit Signal Priority equips buses and traffic signals with devices that grant priority as they approach, often producing five to ten percent reductions in bus travel times. The City of Milwaukee has already installed this technology in some of its traffic signals, including a stretch along Wisconsin Avenue.

"It's important not only that we have sufficient routes to get people to job centers, but we also need to get them to their jobs in a timely fashion," Supervisor Cullen said. "If people can't get to work on time because buses are running behind schedule, it endangers their ability to keep their jobs and support their families. This new system will help people arrive at their destinations in a timely fashion. Getting people to job centers and other destinations is not only good for economic development, it enhances the quality of life in the County."

The legislation also added funding for our parks, which have been long-neglected through deferred maintenance by two administrations.

"Our parks are part of what makes Milwaukee County special," Supervisor Cullen said. "For too long they have been neglected, and we must act now to reverse deteriorating conditions in our parks. We must restore the luster to these tarnished jewels."

In addition, Supervisor Cullen supported a modest 1.5 percent investment in County employees who have experienced pay cuts due to rising health care and pension costs. Without the cost-of-living increase, County employees' salaries have lagged behind the cost of inflation.

Supervisor Cullen said that a modest investment in County employees is necessary for recruitment and retention to provide the best service for County residents.

"We want to have the brightest and best employees working for County residents," Supervisor Cullen said. "We can't recruit or retain the best employees if we allow wages to lag behind inflation."

### SUPERVISOR CULLEN INVITES YOU TO ENJOY FREE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ATTRACTIONS!



524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee (414) 257-5611 www.milwaukeedomes.org

Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for Milwaukee County residents. Excludes major holidays.



10001 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee (414) 256-5412 www.milwaukeezoo.org

2015 Free Days: 11/7, 12/5, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day.



800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee (414) 278-2728 • www.mpm.edu

Kohl's Thank You Thursdays: Free to all the first Thursday of every month. County residents get \$2 off every day. Remaining 2015 Free Dates: 11/5, 12/3.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 • www.mam.org

Target Free First Thursday: Free the first Thursday of every month for all visitors.

# **SUPERVISOR CULLEN WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK**

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# "GO PASS" OFFERS FREE BUS RIDES TO SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



The Milwaukee County Transit System began issuing "Growing Opportunities," or "GO Passes," on March 31, allowing seniors and persons with disabilities to ride the bus for free.

MCTS will process applications for GO Passes at the MCTS Administration Building, 1942 N. 17th Street, Milwaukee, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The no-cost pass can be used immediately. Applications can be printed out and downloaded at RideMCTS.com. Additional outlets will be available for distribution, including senior centers. Contact MCTS at (414) 343-1700 for more information.

Thousands of people have already received GO Passes.

"The GO Pass increases independence for older adults and persons with disabilities," Cullen said. "Increasing bus ridership not only promotes independence, it takes cars off the road and decreases traffic while getting people to important destinations, such as jobs, the doctor and the grocery store."



Supervisor Eddie Cullen celebrates his swearing in to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors with family members. From left to right: Wendy Kamerling, Ed Kamerling, Barbara Kamerling, Supervisor Eddie Cullen, Julie Cullen and County Treasurer David Cullen.